

# Voortrekker ready again

GRAND BAIE, Mauritius. — After days of riding unhappily at anchor in Grand Baie, Tuna Marine Voortrekker II is once more ready to take on the fleet when they set sail in the Crystic Beachcomber Crossing from Mauritius to Durban on Saturday.

Voortrekker II, which broke her boom on the record-breaking run from the Cape to Mauritius, motored 16 miles south yesterday to have a new boom fitted.

After a few more anxious hours waiting in Port Louis, the vital piece of equipment arrived to the visible relief of skipper Hanno Teuteberg.

Carefully, the boom was fitted, and then Teuteberg broke out a new mainsail as well. Voortrekker responded with an impressive run back to Grand Baie.

The last four South African yachts due to race in the Beachcomber — Credit Guarantee Solar Wind, Paper Pack SA, Spar Sunseeker and Lapwing — were scheduled for unloading at Port Louis yesterday. It is unlikely that they will take part in today's Round The Islands Race.

While the South African crews celebrated their good fortunes, the last overseas entry, Windeb, gave notice that she would not be coming.

The Liverpool-registered Jeaneau 47 reportedly ran into a cyclone just out of Suez, and had to put into Aden for repairs.

A spokesman for the Crystic Beachcomber event said at Grand Baie yesterday: "It was just asking too much for the crew to do another 3 000 miles to get here, and then, with no respite, go on a 1 600 nautical mile race." — Sapa.